



BILLS UNPAID, SO: The City of Muskegon is enforcing a policy of removing gravestones from sites in which annual care bills are nine years delinquent. B.T. Sullivan, cemetery superintendent said he hopes this action would make the relatives come in and pay the bills. (AP Wirephoto)

Muskegon Removes Tombstones

Used Graves For Sale

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — Would you buy a used grave from the City of Muskegon?

You'll be able to in two years, according to the city officials who have already started removing tombstones from graves of persons whose families have not paid the annual \$5 upkeep bill for the past nine years.

And, according to Cemetery Supt. B.T. Sullivan, "There's no doubt

that at some future date," the caskets of the abandoned dead will be dug up and moved to a potter's field — and the graves resold.

But, that won't happen for approximately two years because the city has enough unused gravesites to last until then, he added.

Sullivan said the process could have been started in 1943, but explained his predecessor apparently didn't want to get involved in

the "hassle."

So far, more than 100 tombstones have been removed and strewn about in a vacant area of a graveyard in the hopes the relatives will be concerned enough to pay the upkeep costs. Officials said there are at least 2,000 others — among the 44,000 city-owned gravesites — which can be repossessed for late payments.

The tombstoneless ones and the 2,000 others which

could also be repossessed, however, were all buried between 1864 and 1927, and many of them no longer have surviving relatives living in the area.

And, some long-time residents have so many relatives buried there they can't afford to pay for all of them.

In 1928 the city stopped the \$5 per year option and made a \$125 fee for perpetual care mandatory, so the last addresses of those buried since

then won't be changed.

One woman called a local radio talk show to complain about the city's plans. She said she had eight relatives buried in the city gravesites and said she would not pay the bills. She said she really didn't care if the city took away the tombstones, but pleaded that the bodies be allowed to stay buried in their original location.

City officials justified their plans by saying cemetery upkeep costs have gone up.

Nixon Controls Working

Inflation Battle On Target

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rise in living costs slowed below President Nixon's target goal of 3 per cent in the first year of his wage-price control program, the government reported today.

"In the 12 months ending in

August, the first year of the economic stabilization program, the Consumer Price Index rose 2.9 per cent. This compares with a rise of 4.4 per cent in the preceding 12-month period," the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

The report said living costs in August rose two-tenths of one per cent, half the previous month's rise.

The bureau also reported

that the average paycheck of some 50 million rank-and-file workers rose to \$137.23 a week and that, after allowance for inflation, the past year's in-

crease in purchasing power was the largest on record.

The report, marking the first anniversary of the Nixon economic controls, said the Consumer Price Index rose to 125.7 in August. This meant it cost \$12.57 last month for every \$10 worth of typical family spending five years ago.

The report said food prices rose three-tenths of one per cent in August and were 3.8 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Housing costs were up three-tenths of one per cent for the month and 3.8 per cent for the year; clothing declined two-tenths for the month and was up 1.5 per cent for the year; transportation rose two-tenths in August and was one per cent higher than a year ago; medical care was up two-tenths for the month and 2.2 per cent for the year; and recreation costs remained unchanged in August and were up 2.8 per cent over the year.

The bureau said grocery prices in August increased instead of declining slightly as they usually do for the month.

"Meat prices rose nine-tenths of one per cent, slightly more than the usual seasonal rise, but less than the increases in both June and July," the bureau said.

Dairy products, fruits and vegetables and poultry declined in price, the report said. "Gasoline prices rose sharply, reflecting changes in dealer discounts and the application of sales taxes in California to gasoline," the report said.

"Prices of houses and home repair commodities continued

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McGovern Says Nixon Exploits Bus Emotions

'School Quality Sliding'

Democrat Not Telling How He'll Vote On Issue

DETROIT (AP) Sen. George McGovern assailed President Nixon's stand on the school busing issue today in a talk at a breakfast session with a large group of union members and shop stewards.

The South Dakota Democrat said, "With the exception of his failure to win the war, there is no darker chapter in the presidency of Richard Nixon than his exploitation of the emotions surrounding busing."

McGovern continued, "He is using the issue to obscure his total failure to check the rapid slide in the quality of our nation's schools."

"Now, rather than face up to the consequences of his failure, rather than to run on that record, he is using the busing issue in the most cynical and demagogic way possible to divert attention from that record of indifference."

The Democratic candidate, who had been challenged by Republican leaders to declare how he would vote on the busing issue when the Senate takes up the matter, told the unionists, "He (Nixon) knows as well as I do that the issue will be settled in the courts, not in this campaign."

It was McGovern's fourth Michigan appearance of the campaign. He was accompanied by Sen. Edward Muskie of Maine, the Democrats' vice presidential candidate in 1968 and an unsuccessful candidate for the presidential nomination this time.

McGovern warned the hearts of Detroit's black leaders Thursday night with a slashing attack on numerous Nixon policies.

Thus, he pointedly ignored a joint Republican challenge from Rep. Gerald Ford and Sen. Robert Griffin, issued Wednesday, urging him to tell Michigan voters how he will vote on the anti-busing bill now pending on the Senate calendar.

The latest Gallup Poll shows the nation's blacks remain solidly in the McGovern camp, by a ratio of 4-to-1, and McGovern will do nothing to upset that balance.

"The key word is 'hope'...you and I don't always agree with him," Muskie said of McGovern. "But I've come to respect him. I've looked into his heart and believe he's a decent man."

Unlike his Tuesday appearance at Flint's Bishop Airport, his arrival Thursday was closed to the public. Still, a (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Says He Named Wrong Country

WASHINGTON (AP) — A State Department spokesman identified North Vietnam as a source of arms for Arab terrorists, but his office later said he meant North Korea — not North Vietnam.

Spokesman Charles Bray originally named North Vietnam at his daily news conference on Thursday as giving "direct assistance to at least some organizations in the Middle East which are operating in the field of terrorism."



GETTING TOGETHER: U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr., (left) chats with U.S. Sen. George S. McGovern during a Thursday night meeting with black leaders in Detroit. After overnight stay in Detroit the South Dakota senator will meet with "middle-level labor people, mostly shop stewards," according to a McGovern spokesman then will leave Detroit for Rochester, N.Y. (AP Wirephoto)

Bomb Hunt Underway At U.P. Airbase

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — The FBI charged Paul Raymond Gilbert Juhala, 35, Escanaba, Mich., today with bombing or attempted bombing of U.S. government property in connection with an explosion last month at a Strategic Air Command base near Sault Ste. Marie.

Juhala is being held in Marquette County Jail on the charges stemming from the blast at Kincheloe AFB. The explosion blew a hole in the ground near a rear gate of the base. No one was hurt.

Meanwhile, at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base near here, the Air Force continued draining an 800,000-gallon fuel storage tank searching for another bomb. An Air Force spokesman said the tank should be drained by noon or 1 p.m. EST, and they would be able to tell at that time whether a bomb was in the tank.

The spokesman speculated that if no bomb is found, the search will not spread to other areas of the SAC base near here.

Authorities said earlier that Juhala was also being questioned in connection with Thursday's discovery of 45 sticks of buried dynamite near Sawyer. They said Juhala was believed to have stolen the explosives at Escanaba.

The search at Sawyer was discontinued Thursday night even though there was still several thousand gallons of fuel in the massive tank. Air Force officials said the fuel was pumped into tanks well away from the suspected bomb site and added there was no danger of anyone getting hurt or the base being damaged if the bomb exploded.

A base spokesman said the area within a 1,000 yards of the above-ground storage tank has been cleared. There are no buildings within the limit, however. It's a petroleum storage area, he said.

That search started at 3 a.m. Thursday when federal agents told base officials there might be a bomb hidden there.

A base spokesman said that no actual full-scale investigation would be started unless a bomb is actually found in the tank.

Editor Convicted

SAIGON (AP) — A Saigon newspaper editor who published excerpts from the Pentagon papers and a Cornell University study on U.S. bombing in Indochina was convicted by a military court today of "confusing public opinion and harming national security."

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PHONEGRAMS are fun to play and may win you valuable prizes. Today's game appears on page 17. Adv.

Disinfectant In Cosmetics Is Banned By U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing clear evidence that hexachlorophene can cause brain damage in babies, the Food and Drug Administration today banned its use in most cosmetics and over-the-counter drugs.

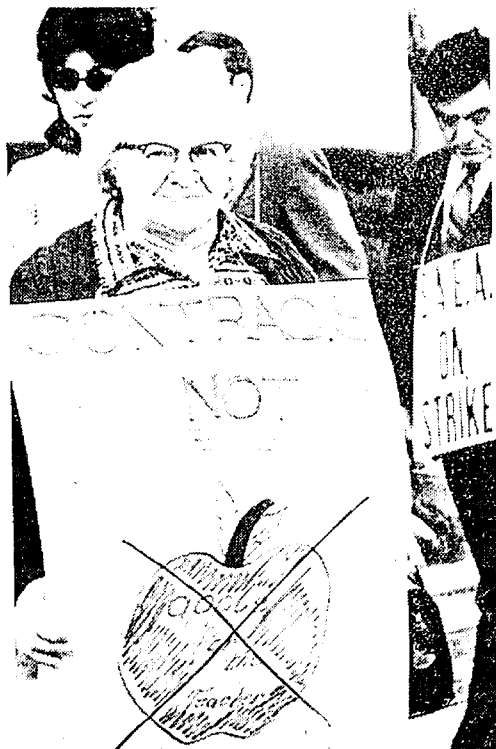
The agency said that effective immediately 3 per cent hexachlorophene (HCP) solutions such as pflisohex can be sold only by prescription.

Baby powder containing more than .75 per cent HCP must be recalled by manufacturers, the FDA said, and other infant products of the same strength must be removed from customer shelves and drug stores and be sold only on prescription.

The germ fighter, used in a wide variety of cosmetics such as feminine hygiene sprays, toothpastes and aerosol deodorants, will be limited in the future "as a preservative only at levels not to exceed .1 per cent, the FDA said.

"There are presently no data to support a safe and effective over-the-counter use for hexachlorophene," the FDA said. "Hexachlorophene as a preservative drug is not generally recognized as safe and effective and thus is limited to use under an approved new drug application for bac-

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FORGET THE APPLES: A picket, who wished to be identified only as an elementary school teacher, carries her sign outside the state office building in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa. Thursday. At one time more than 300 pickets walked outside the building as teacher negotiators sat in, inside, in a move to settle current disputes. Teachers from six Allegheny County school districts hope to draw negotiators together inside the building. (AP Wirephoto)

Grand Prix Star Fined For Speeding

LONDON (AP) — Stirling Moss, former British Grand Prix motor racing star, was fined \$98 today for speeding.

He admitted driving along the M6 superhighway at more than 100 miles an hour. Britain has a blanket national speed limit of 70.

He said he was hurrying to Birmingham because he was late for a meeting called to discuss promoting a Grand Prix race in the Midlands City.

Reduced Sewer Bid Accepted

\$743,000 Chopped From SJ Township Project

St. Joseph township board of trustees and its public works committee Thursday recommended acceptance of the low bid of Balkema, Inc., of Kalamazoo for construction of some 55 miles of sanitary sewer lines in the township.

The board's action came after \$743,000 had been trimmed from Balkema's original bid. Engineer Charles Barger said the cuts represent a \$618,000 reduction in repaving costs and \$125,000 by using a less expensive method of tunneling under highways.

Balkema's original bid was \$7,288,327 — about \$750,000 over estimates. Bids were opened last week and Barger outlined several methods of cutting. He said the reductions were made after he negotiated with the contractor.

The township's recommendation now goes to the Berrien county board of public works for final approval.

Total project cost is expected to be \$8 million — financed by a \$1 million state grant and a \$7 million local bond issued backed by the faith and credit of Berrien county.

Township Supervisor Orval Benson said prime and double seal will be used to patch roads torn up during sewer installation. Higher cost asphalt had been in the original specification.

The bids opened last week ranged from Balkema's \$7,288 million to a high of \$11.8

million.

Benson said difficulties encountered by Yerington & Harris of Benton Harbor in installing the Hickory creek sewer interceptor was a factor in the high bids.

The interceptor runs from Stevensville to St. Joseph. It will be the trunk line for the portion of St. Joseph township west of the river.

The Balkema contract would cover lines for the collection system in the western part of the township and Fairplain.

Benson also urged support for house bill 6259 which would

make sewer hook up mandatory. He said the township had such an ordinance but having the state have a similar law will make it easier to enforce. The bill passed the house and is now in the senate.

In answer to a question on the fitness of Balkema to handle the job, Benson said the firm has been in business since 1911 and has letters of recommendation from Kalamazoo city and county, Brandywine, Battle Creek, Decatur, Marcellus, Springfield, Vicksburg, Benton township and Olivet college.



SIGNS SEWER AGREEMENT: Bill Payne Smith (left), chairman of St. Joseph township public works committee, signs recommendation for letting contract for construction of sanitary sewer system in township. Center is Robert H. DeVries, chairman of water and sewage authority. At right is Supervisor Orval Benson. (Staff photo)

Stevensville Studies Cost

Village Wants Stop Light

BY GARRETT DEGRAFF
Staff Writer

Installation of a stop-and-go traffic signal is being considered for the corner of Red Arrow highway and John Beers road in Stevensville.

The Stevensville village council last night agreed to seek information regarding cost and installation of a signal from the Berrien county road commission and to ask Lincoln township to help pay for the light.

The action came after village President Arthur Kasewurm read a letter from the state highway department stating that the intersection is within the jurisdiction of the village.

Presently, there is a blinking red light at the intersection for vehicles approaching on John Beers road and a blinking yellow light for vehicles on Red

Arrow highway.

In other action, former village president Conrad Stampohar and his wife again protested the council's Sept. 7 action to permit expansion of the south village trailer park owned by Allen Grams.

Stampohar said the expansion would devalue his St. Joseph street property by removing the buffer zone between the street and the park. He said one of the reasons the original development was approved while he was president was its restricted size and the presence of the buffer zones.

He also said that the council should have given area residents an opportunity to speak on the expansion, and that the council should have acted on the matter by roll-call vote.

Kasewurm replied that the building permit for the park expansion was published prior to the council's decision. He said a roll-call vote wasn't necessary because the decision was unanimous.

The council accepted two petitions for zoning changes from residential to commercial. Tremont Ruff of Cleveland avenue, Stevensville, requested rezoning of land he owns on Red Arrow highway.

Ruff's parcel, which has 650 feet of frontage, extends east about 350 feet, the first 150 feet of which, Ruff said, is presently zoned commercial. He asked that the remaining 200 feet be zoned commercial also.

Ten persons including Councilman and Mrs. Donald DeMorrow asked that eight lots in the village be rezoned. The lots in question are four on the west side of Berrien street between Lawrence street and John Beers road, and two each on the north side of Kimmel street and the south side of John Beers road just west of Berrien street.

Councilman William Heyn Jr. suggested that the council consider making im-

provements of the village land known as Lions park on Hickory creek. Heyn suggested that a baseball diamond and a picnic area might be established in the area.

Another village-owned parcel at Karen court and Phillips street was suggested by Kasewurm as a possible park site. No action was taken.

Action on replacing sidewalk on the east side of St. Joseph avenue from the elementary school north to Lawrence street

and from the bank at the corner of John Beers road north about 300 feet was tabled until the first meeting in April next year.

The tabling followed the opening of two bids for the work, one from Myers Construction company of Stevensville at \$2,998.25, and the other from L. C. Hartman company of Benton Harbor at \$2,926.

Kasewurm reported that

Lincoln township and village officials are presently meeting with state officials to establish regulations for installation of sewer hook-up lines.

Barney Yaskick, councilman and streets superintendent, was instructed to solicit contributions from village merchants for purchasing village Christmas decorations.

The council agreed to pay Bert Phillips \$1.75 an hour to sweep village streets on a part-time basis.

Bandit Escapes With Cash In BH Daylight Robbery

A lone bandit held up a Benton Harbor grocery store in broad daylight yesterday and then fled his gun at the front door before leaving, Benton Harbor police reported.

Police said no one was injured by the gunshot. Police said the incident occurred at 3:30 p.m. at Golka's grocery store, 268 East Empire avenue.

A clerk, Mrs. Lucy Lefor, 65, told police a black male, about 20, entered the store, picked up a quarter-pound package of butter, placed the butter on the check-out counter, and then pulled a revolver.

"This is a stickup. If you don't open the register I'll blow your brains out," the robber said, according to Mrs. Lefor.

The victim said the man took an unknown amount of ones, fives, and tens from the register, and then, before leaving shot his revolver at the front door.

Police said a four-inch hole was made in the door glass, and believed the robber fled the scene on foot.

It was the second armed robbery in the Benton Harbor area this week, and the second robbery at Golka's this month and the third at Golka's this year.

A robbery Sept. 2 at the grocery store netted two robbers about \$500, according to police. Another armed robbery on Tuesday night at the Dog n Sals restaurant on Empire avenue, St. Joseph township netted two men about \$800.

Berrien 4-Hers Open Cookie Sale Tuesday, Oct. 3

Berrien county 4-Hers will start their ninth annual door-to-door cookie sale Tuesday, Oct. 3, according to Orville Harrington, 4-H leaders association president.

Five varieties of cookies will be offered for sale this year including: peanut butter patties, jelly rollies, vanilla sugar wafers, mint cream patties and vanilla cream sandwiches.

"Four-H will appreciate the cooperation of one and all to make this campaign a 100 per cent success," Harrington said. "The cookies are baked fresh for 4-H by Club Sales, Inc., and are a top of the line product."

Purpose of the annual sale is to obtain funding for various 4-H activities as well as provide a real life business learning experience for 4-H members.

Profits from this year's sale will be divided equally between local 4-H clubs and the county 4-H leaders association.

County chairman for this year's sale are Mrs. Robert Diehl of New Troy, Mrs. George Bennett of Berrien Springs and Mrs. Martin Granger of Benton Harbor. District chairman include Mrs. Alton Wendel for the Waterliet-Coloma area, Mrs. Henry Rybicki for Benton and Sudus townships, Mrs. Roy Bryant for the Twin Cities, Mrs. Ronald Keigley for Eau Claire and Berrien Springs, Mrs. Robert Bever for the Buchanan-New Buffalo area, Mrs. Douglas Wise for the greater Niles area, and Mrs. Andrew Gantenbein for the Bridgman-Stevensville-Baroda area.

Solicitors Ordered Out Of Building

The head of a St. Joseph industrial firm reported Thursday he ordered from the premises four persons he said were attempting to solicit employees for motivational courses.

Fred Reddel, Jr., president of Dynac Corp., 229 Kerth street, St. Joseph, said the four entered the plant uninvited through an employee entrance. One reached his office and inquired about an employee, Reddel said.

Twin City Drum Corps To Perform

The Twin City Drum, Bugle and Pipe corps will perform in the festival of bands Saturday in the St. Joseph county fair at Centreville.

Ten other units will be in the show that starts at 10 a.m. At 4 p.m. the marching units will participate in the annual fair parade. Performing units are from throughout the midwest and were invited by fair officials to participate.

Cleveland Avenue Users Face Detour Because Of Sewer Work

Cleveland avenue will be closed to all traffic between Brown School and Nelson roads in the Hickory creek ravine area south of St. Joseph for at least two days, beginning Monday morning.

The busy traffic artery will be closed while construction crews lay the Hickory Creek interceptor sewer line through

the roadbed. The road closing by the Yerington & Harris construction company is authorized by the Berrien County Road commission.

A Yerington & Harris spokesman said it will require at least two days to breach the roadbed, install the pipeline, and rebuild the roadbed and

pavement. If particularly adverse conditions are encountered, additional time could be required, the spokesman indicated.

The interceptor line will tie the sewer systems of the suburban area south of St. Joseph to the Twin Cities sewage disposal plant.

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Berrien county planning commissioners Thursday stamped approval on a new library for Lincoln township and sent to the county prosecutor one issue in a new and yet-unapproved model uniform housing ordinance.

Approval for the library, an item that was stalled in commission two months for lack of quorums, is contingent on the okay of at least one member absent from Thursday's meeting since only five attended.

Planners' okay of the library, to be 7,000 square feet on two

acres at John Beers and Roosevelt roads, was an element in the township's bid for \$50,000 in federal funds to help build a \$210,000 facility.

Commissioner Jerry Krieger registered an "absolute objection" to applying inspection provisions of a proposed model housing ordinance against owner-occupied homes. The item will be referred to the Berrien prosecutor's office by Planning Director Thomas Sinn for an explanation of the need, if any, of inspections for owner-occupied as well as rented dwellings.

"I feel the last refuge a man has is his home, and when you can follow him in there and tell him what to do ... I just can't stomach that," Krieger said.

David Hollomon, county housing specialist who worked with a committee named by planners to develop the model regulation, said the occupant always retains the right to demand a warrant before inspectors can enter.

Jacob Driker, president of the firm planners use as consultants on many projects, said renters might claim discrimination if owner-occupied dwellings are excluded from inspection provisions of the proposed regulation.

Commissioner Edward Totzke said he doesn't like to "invade a man's castle" but added one who ruins his own home hurts his neighbor.

"Maybe we have to accept a little of that," Krieger replied. Planners may meet in special session to further consider the regulation before

it's formally presented to the county board of commissioners.

Also Thursday, planners: —Heard progress reports on county mobile home, agriculture and commercial-industrial land use studies presently underway.

—Sent to legislative committee a state legislative bill, No. 6256, that's been termed an attempt to create a state land use commission that would require local zoning to conform with state guidelines while creating a state appeals board for appeals of local zoning rulings.

—Sent to committee a report by Totzke that widening of Napier avenue near Colfax in Benton-St. Joseph townships won't permit sidewalks within available right of way. He suggested more could be obtained.

U.P. Center

Being Studied

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — Northern Michigan University's skill center here is the subject of a six-month, \$20,000 study.

Dr. Roland Strolle, vice president of continuing development and extension, said the study will investigate consolidation of the center in one building. The center now operates from three widely-separated buildings. Funds for the study are from the Michigan Department of Education, Manpower Development and Training.

School Tax Method Hit In Lawsuit

DETROIT (AP)—A California couple is suing the City of Dearborn to recover \$63,951 paid in 1972 property taxes.

The Wayne County Circuit Court suit names the Dearborn Board of Education, the City of Dearborn, and Dearborn Treasurer William Kaiser as defendants.

Leonard and Elaine Friedman, owners of a Dearborn building leased by the Lafayette Steel Co., ask that the city be forced to refund taxes they paid to the school system under protest.

The suit contends the Michigan method of taxing property to support schools is based on "arbitrarily drawn district boundaries."

Tax Relief Plan Called Clever Trick

*AIP Candidate For 'No'
On State Issues*

The American Independent Party (AIP) candidate for 43rd district state representative this week called for a "no" vote by the public on tax issues on the Nov. 7 ballot.



KARL FRISKE
No In November

Karl Friske, 43, of 1629 Timberlane drive, St. Joseph, urged a "no" vote on Proposal C, to limit property tax for school and local government purposes, and Proposal D, to remove the constitutional ban against a graduated state income tax.

"There will be a proposal on the November ballot which has been called a property tax relief measure," Friske said in a prepared statement. "It is a wolf in sheep's clothing...."

"The proposal carries a finely-discussed property tax proposal which is cleverly designed to give you temporary relief while it guarantees that in the end your property tax headache will return even greater than it is now."

Michigan voters, Friske said, have twice defeated propositions for a state graduated income-tax in recent years.

"It is better to suffer the injustice of the present property tax for school purposes than accept the temporary relief only to find that in the end property tax for school purposes would be higher than at the present time."

"The joker is that the proposed millage means nothing because the state tax commission would merely increase the state equalized assessment values. This process has been used all over the state to double the school tax on property in the past 5 or 6 years and there is no end in sight."

Friske charged the governor and Michigan Education Association have "forgotten the double-cross that was made when they promised property tax relief in exchange for state income tax. That relief held up for four years before they did away with all but a token amount, while they more than doubled the state equalized valuation in every corner of the state."

He charged the governor's education reform program "guarantees that the local boards of education will be stripped of all control and that the property taxpayer will no longer be able to veto high increases and dismiss levies at the polls but will be at the complete mercy of the state educational bureaucracy, completely under the domination of the governor."

Friske said he expects to comment on six major issues before the Nov. 7 election.

He faces incumbent Republican Harry Gast, Jr. of Stevensville, and Democrat Laurel Groenke of Baroda.

The 43rd district covers all Berrien county west of the St. Joseph river, plus Sodus township.



SCLAES?: This sign on US-12 at New Buffalo has been a source of confusion to some motorists who wonder where the car route to "Sclaes" is. Other nonplussed motorists don't know whether Sclaes is in Michigan or Indiana. Better informed persons are aware there is a truck weigh station with sclaes - oops, scales adjacent to the state police post pictured behind the sign.

Richard Davis, district traffic technician in Kalamazoo, said the sign was probably put up by the district sign shop, Kalamazoo. Davis, upon learning of the error, said the sign will be corrected. By the way, the sign should read "TRUCK ROUTE TO SCALES." (Don Wehner photo)

Scouting Officials Will Vote On Proposed Three-Council Merger

Boy Scout officials in three southwest Michigan councils will vote Oct. 4 on a proposed merger of the councils involving more than 14,000 scouts in eight counties.

According to Thomas Walker, scout executive for the Southwestern Michigan Council, the merger is sought to consolidate the three councils' administrative staffs and headquarters, thus reducing the cost of bookkeeping and administrative overhead.

The three councils involved in the proposed merger are the Southwestern Michigan Council, consisting of Berrien, Cass and the western half of Van Buren counties; the Fruit Belt Council, comprised of Kalamazoo, St.

Joseph, and the eastern half of Van Buren counties; and the Nottawa Trails Council, covering Calhoun, Branch, and a small portion of Eaton counties.

Votes on the merger will be cast by scouting institutional representatives and members-at-large, plus members of the three councils' executive boards.

The merger proposal is the result of a three-year study by a committee appointed in 1968 by officials in the proposed merger area and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Presently, the three councils' budget totals nearly \$333,000.

South Haven Businesses Praised For Sprucing Up

BY TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — Members of the Greater South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce paid tribute during their annual meeting last night to 16 businesses whose exterior decor coincides with a central Early American theme suggested by the organization.

More than 125 persons attended the annual dinner meeting at Fidelity's Resort.

More than a year ago the Chamber urged businessmen planning to build or remodel to adopt an Early American theme in their store fronts.

Recognized for taking that suggestion were the A & P, Arkins Thoughtfulness shop, Consumers' Discount, Decker Olds-Cadillac, Hardt-Elliott Agency, Holly Suburban, Landy Electric, the Marathon

service station on Blue Star Memorial Highway, the Musix Box, One Hour Martinizing, The Pub, Rome's Standard Service, Teeter's Sewing Center, Tony's Drapery Shop, Colonial Village and the Huron Street medical building.

Immediate past president Wayne Lange presented the annual report for 1971-72 while incoming president A.R. Trestain offered the program for 1972-73.

Guest speaker was Romney Wheeler, vice president for public relations for the Consumers Power company, who contended that the profit picture of American industry is grossly distorted.

He said a recent survey showed that Americans believe that net corporate profits last year averaged 28 per cent when in fact a Department of

Commerce report showed profits at just 2.9 of total sales.

"To the extent that the American people believe the myth about business profits they are deluding themselves," Wheeler said. "Or being deluded by the very few who think that profits are somehow immoral or by the very many who think that profits are a very good thing that ought to be shared more widely shared."

Wheeler contended that corporate profits, an estimated \$47.4 billion, would account for only 16 per cent of U.S. tax revenues for one year.

"Confiscation of profits would leave business with nothing to reinvest in the business, and nothing to pay in dividends to the stockholders. Nothing, in short, to invest in the future. And without an

investment in the future, there simply is no way of reaching the future," he added.

Wheeler charged that the construction of cooling towers at the Palisades nuclear plant in Covert township will do little to protect the environment when comparing building and operating expense against the potential damage to wildlife.

He said that the cooling towers are costing \$29 million to construct and that the annual operating charge will be another \$5 million.

He said that the original Palisades design which would have discharged warm water into Lake Michigan would have affected approximately 51,500 pounds of fish each year or an estimated cash value of \$11,300 annually.

He placed the theoretical value of the fish because of the cooling towers at well over \$6 million, or about \$120 a pound as against a market value of 20 cents a pound.

"Which has to make them the most expensive fish to inhabit Lake Michigan. Or any other body of water."

Two Cass Communities Have Issues

*Dowagiac, Pokagon Vote
On Water, Power*

CASSOPOLIS — Voters in two Cass county communities, Dowagiac and Pokagon township, will be confronted with local issues when they go to the polls in the Nov. 7 general election.

In Dowagiac, voters will be asked to approve the sale of \$600,000 in bonds to finance construction of a water treatment plant and water tower and other improvements including additional fire hydrants.

Not scheduled for a vote this time is a charter amendment proposed in June by the city council. Problems over wording of the amendment and timing considerations have held up consideration of the proposed amendment, which would have combined the offices of comptroller and treasurer and made it and the office of clerk appointive.

Voters in Pokagon township will be asked to approve a 30-year franchise, allowing Indiana and Michigan Electric company to continue their operations in the township. The franchise would replace one that expired recently.

Yesterday was the deadline for requesting that issues be placed on the November ballots.

Buchanan Seeks \$45,707 For Community Fund

BUCHANAN — The 1973 Buchanan Community Fund drive will be kicked off Monday at the monthly Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce Perc club breakfast, according to Bert Rowe, drive chairman.

The campaign, with a goal of \$45,707, will continue through Oct. 13.

Rowe, who is manager of manufacturing engineering at Clark Equipment company, said the goal represents a careful review by the admissions and budget committee of the needs of participating agencies, and potential giving in the community.

The goal is about \$700 more than last year, when the drive fell about \$500 short.

Included in the drive, and agency allocations, are: Girl Scouts \$5,000; Boy Scouts \$3,400; Salvation Army \$2,000; handicapped camping \$379; Berrien County Cancer service \$4,350; Child and Family Services of Michigan (formerly Michigan Children's Aid society and Berrien County Family Counseling services) \$2,200; School for Exceptional Children and Sheltered Workshop \$1,250; Riverwood Community Mental Health center \$1,200; Big Brothers of Niles-Buchanan \$1,800; Niles-Buchanan YMCA \$2,500; Berrien County Legal Services bureau \$500; Michigan United Fund \$7,104; and Christmas baskets \$100.

Collection for American Red Cross is made in conjunction with the Community Fund drive, but the agency is not part of the fund. Goal for that agency is \$5,974.



BERT ROWE
Drive chairman

Administratively, \$3,250 has been allocated for administration and campaign, \$100 for agency emergency fund, and \$3,000 reserve for collection losses.

Assisting Rowe will be Lynn Thornton as vice chairman and business division chairman, and the following division chairmen: Bernard Ellis, corporate; Chester Wyers, Ruth Bromley, Robert Deyo, Mrs. Jane Housand, Jerry Smedley, Robert Bellaire, Mrs. Mary Rothfuchs, Thomas Johns, Larry Gardiner and Mrs. Beatrice Byrne, in-plant; Mrs. Lois Renbarger, hospital; Herbert Russell, government; James Booth, education; Kenneth Mall, professional; Mrs. Frederick Stout and Mrs. Robert Habicht, advanced gifts; Mrs. Trent Hall, clubs and organizations, and Mrs. Frank Allee, home solicitation.

Coloma Charter Revision Won't Go On Ballot!

COLOMA — City voters here will not ballot on a revised city charter in the Nov. 7 general election as hoped by charter commission members because of a reported delay in processing the document in Lansing.

The state attorney general's office did not return the charter for approval of changes it recommended in time to place the charter revision on Nov. 7 city ballots, according to Clerk Mrs. Patricia Beezley. The deadline for placing issues on the Nov. 7 ballot was yesterday.

City officials here now believe the proposed revision will be put before voters early next year.

Work on revising the 30-year-old charter was completed by the nine-member revision commission earlier this summer.



AWARDS PRESENTATION: The Greater South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce recognized businessmen whose exterior decor coincides with a central Early American theme suggested by the organization. President R.A. Trestain, right, presents plaque of appreciation to two of the 16 businessmen honored, Richard Shanley of the Hardt-Elliott Agency and Mrs. Polly Zordel of the Gown Shop. (Tom Renner photo)

Ex-Area Man Going To Africa

LAWRENCE — A former area man, Tom Robinson, 30, the son of Mrs. Edgar M. Smith, of Shafer Lake, Lawrence, will soon be serving with the U.S. Foreign Service in Gabon, Africa.

Robinson, a 1960 graduate of Hartford high school, will serve as administrative officer of the U.S. embassy in Libreville, virtually on the equator on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

Robinson, who attended Eau Claire as well as Hartford high school, has previously served in Tanzania, with the Peace Corps, and Vietnam, with U.S. Agency for International Development.

He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and holds a master's degree in international management from Thunderbird university, Phoenix, Ariz.

Libreville will be Robinson's first assignment since gaining his commission in the foreign service, which required extensive written and oral testing and completion of a year's study at the Foreign Service Academy in Washington, D.C.

He and his wife, Judy, and their six-month-old daughter left for Africa Sunday, according to his mother. They were to travel to Paris, where Robinson is to receive further



TOM ROBINSON
Africa Bound

briefing on Gabon and Africa, and language instruction.

He has been required to study French, the official language of Gabon.

His assignment to Africa is expected to last for two years.